

**South Colonie Central Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION**



MINUTES

**July 6, 2010
District Office**

**Immediately following
Organizational Meeting**



CoRe VaLueS

We Believe:

- * That all children can learn
- * In educating the whole child so he/she can meet the District's Standards
- * In focusing on student achievement
- * In providing a comprehensive and enriched curriculum for all students reflecting the needs and available resources of the community
- * That the combined commitment of the Board of Education, staff, parents, students, and community is the key to educational success

Mission Statement

Preparing World Class Citizens for the 21st Century through school and community partnerships while addressing the diverse needs of all students

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the South Colonie Board of Education was called to order by Mr. Casey at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Brian Casey	<u>Present</u>	Robert Domenici	<u>Present</u>	Richard Dunn	<u>Present</u>
Paul Gordon	<u>Present</u>	Shelle Jaquish	<u>Present</u>	Neil Johanning	<u>Present</u>
David Kiehle	<u>Present</u>	Leonard Motto	<u>Present</u>	James T. Ryan	<u>Present</u>

Also present: Superintendent Jonathan Buhner, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Tim Backus, Assistant Superintendent for Management Services Beverly Miller, District Clerk Joyce Gay.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Johanning, and carried unanimously (9-0), to **enter** executive session to discuss employment matters relating to particular persons at 7:32 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Kiehle, and carried unanimously (9-0), to **adjourn** executive session at 7:45 p.m.

3. PLEDGE TO FLAG

Mr. Casey led the pledge to the flag.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Johanning, seconded by Mr. Ryan, and carried unanimously (9-0), that the minutes of the regular meeting on **June 30, 2010**, be approved.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Correspondence/Board Activities

Mr. Casey:

Informed board members that Sydney Bashaw, a Sand Creek Middle School student, will appear on the television show “*Nick News*” at the end of September or early October in footage that will focus on ways to prevent bullying in schools.

Mr. Domenici:

Announced that the BOCES Board will be seeking to replace one of the members, John Yagielski, who has resigned to take the position of Interim Superintendent of the Schenectady City School district.

Mr. Gordon:

Visited with Mr. Tunny at the Bus Garage.

Mr. Johanning:

Noted that he will be attending the meeting with the Commissioner of Education on Wednesday, July 7, and that Mr. Gordon and Mr. Domenici will also attend.

Mr. Ryan:

The Facilities Committee will be meeting with Town of Colonie representatives on Thursday, July 8, to address the gray water issues at the high school.

B. No Requests to speak.

6. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

The Superintendent recommended approval of the following:

A. Committee on Special Education

Placements as indicated on the attached sheets.

B. In-Service Courses

1. Two (2.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 30-contact hour course “2010 Rensselaer Nanotechnology Summer Institute (#10-11-23), sponsored by the National Science Federation. The course will be held at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute on July 19-23, 2010. Lisa Eichholzer (CCHS) is the contact person.
2. Four (4.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 60-contact hour course “Math Works: Teaching Math with the Brain in Mind” (#10-11-24), sponsored by Learner’s Edge. The course will be held during the summer of 2010 at Learner’s Edge, Lakeville, MN. Suzanne Morand (CCHS) is the contact person.
3. Four (4.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 60-contact hour course “Professional Learning Communities: Moving from Knowing to Doing” (#10-11-25), sponsored by Learner’s Edge. The course will be held during the summer of 2010 at Learner’s Edge, Lakeville, MN. Suzanne Morand (CCHS) is the contact person.
4. Three (3.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 45-contact hour course “Meaningful Activities to Generate Interesting Curriculum” (#10-11-26), sponsored by NYSUT. The course will be held July 5-9, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day at The College of St. Rose. Jacqueline Frank (Lisha Kill) is the contact person.
5. Three (3.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 45-contact hour course “Behavioral, Academic, and Social Interventions for the Classroom” (#10-11-27), sponsored by NYSUT. The course will be held July 26-30, 2010, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day at Adelphi University. Jacqueline Frank (Lisha Kill) is the contact person.
6. Three (3.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 45-contact hour course “Math Made Meaningful” (#10-11-28), sponsored by NYSUT. The course will be held August 2-6, 2010, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day at The College of St. Rose. Jacqueline Frank (Lisha Kill) is the contact person.

C. Seminar on Educational Issues

1. Nine (9) contact hours of credit for participation “NYSUT School-Related Professionals Leadership Conference” (SD#2010-11-13), sponsored by NYSUT. The workshop will be held October 1 through 3, 2010, at the Desmond Hotel, Albany. Christine Zostant (CCHS) is the contact person.
2. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in “Picture Book Discussions Group: The Latest and Greatest of 2010” (SD#2010-11-14), sponsored by Greater Capital Region Teacher Center. The workshop will be held on Tuesday, July 20, 2010, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Albany Public Library. Mary Rossetti (Forest Park) is the contact person.

D. Bid Awards – District Supplies**Athletic Department Supplies: Fall / Winter 2010-11**

Awards to low bidders meeting specifications as follows:

Aluminum Athletic Equipment Co., Royersford PA, 1 item totaling:	\$ 46.50
Anaconda Sports, Clifton Park NY, 11 items totaling:	2,503.85
Bennington Sports & Graphics, Bennington VT, 1 item totaling:	348.00
Cannon Sports, Inc., Burbank CA, 6 items totaling:	1,427.58
M-F Athletic, Cranston RI, 3 items totaling:	133.95
Passon’s Sports, Jenkintown PA, 6 items totaling:	592.72
Pyramid School Products, Tampa FL, 10 items totaling:	913.20
Scholastic Sports Sale, Ltd., Manlius NY, 20 items totaling:	2,107.78
Toledo P.E. Supply, Toledo OH, 1 item totaling:	<u>60.85</u>
Total for all recommended awards:	\$8,134.43

E. Donations

1. Violin case, valued at \$75.00, donated by Cheri Feldman.
2. 1992 Pfretzchner Violin, Serial #930345, valued at \$500.00, donated by Roberta Carter.
3. A \$1,500.00 donation from Theodore Thompson, 4210 Buckingham Drive, Schenectady NY 12304, for sponsorship of Laura Yerou’s trip to Ethiopia in December 2010. Ms. Yerou, English teacher at Lisha Kill Middle School, will be traveling to Ethiopia as part of the Pen Pal Project in which her classes have been involved.

F. Contracts

1. Agreement between Service Connections, Inc., 597 Third Avenue, Troy NY 12182, and South Colonie Central School District to provide any special education and/or related services to the children in the South Colonie Schools for Summer 2010 and/or for the 2010-11 school year. Services will be based on the IEP and do not exceed service frequencies. The rate for the services shall be \$58.00 per half hour for individual sessions, \$43.00 per half hour per child for group sessions, and \$175.00 per supplemental evaluation.

Motion made by Mr. Kiehle, seconded by Mr. Gordon, and carried unanimously (9-0), that the above stated **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS** be approved.

7. **PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION**

Motion made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Ms. Jaquish, and carried unanimously (9-0), that the Instructional Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated July 6, 2010, be approved.

8. **PERSONNEL – SUPPORT**

Motion made by Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Johanning, and carried unanimously (9-0), that the Support Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated July 6, 2010, be approved.

9. **CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE**

The following Board of Education members will register to attend the 91st Annual Convention of the New York State School Boards Association to be held October 21-24, 2010, at the Sheraton New York Hotel & Towers in New York City:

James T. Ryan	Richard Dunn	Shelle Jaquish
Paul Gordon	Leonard Motto	Brian Casey

Also registering for the conference are Superintendent Jonathan Buhner and District Clerk Joyce Gay.

Motion made by Mr. Motto, seconded by Mr. Domenici, and carried unanimously (9-0), that the above registrations for conference attendance be approved.

10. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Mr. Buhner acknowledged the following people in attendance at the meeting: Director of Human Resources David Seaver, SCTA President Jeff Dutcher, and South Colnoie resident Ted Thompson.

11. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

- Special Board of Education Meeting, July 13, 2010 – 6:00 p.m., District Office
- Regular Board of Education Meeting, August 10, 2010 – 7:00 p.m., District Office
- Special Board of Education Meeting, August 31, 2010 – 7:00 p.m., District Office

12. **ADJOURN**

Motion made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Motto, and carried unanimously (9-0), that the regular meeting be adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

A. Retirements

1. Name: Sharon Patrick
Position: Reading
Location: Saddlewood Elementary School
Effective Date: June 30, 2010
2. Name: Margaret Perry
Position: Teaching Assistant
Location: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: July 2, 2010
3. Name: Linda Novak Brennan
Position: Science
Location: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: July 3, 2010

B. Leave of Absence

1. Name: Tara Martin
Position: Elementary Education teacher
Type: Child Care Leave Extension
Building: Saddlewood Elementary School
Effective Date: July 1, 2010
Ending Date: June 30, 2011

C. Temporary Part-Time Appointments

1. Name: Jacqueline Rowen
Address: 2178 Grand Blvd., Niskayuna, NY 12309
Type: Temporary Part-time (.60)
Teaching Area: Industrial Arts
Building: Lisha Kill Middle School
Effective Date: July 1, 2010
Ending Date: June 30, 2011
Salary: Schedule II, Step 4
Education: B.S. from SUNY Maritime College and M.A. from Union College
Certification Status: Initial in Technology
2. Name: Thomas Alexander
Address: 8 Bloomer Road, Voorheesville, NY 12186
Type: Temporary Part-time (.80)
Teaching Area: English
Building: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: July 1, 2010
Ending Date: June 30, 2011
Salary: Schedule II, Step 9
Education: B.A. and M.A. from SUNY Albany
Certification Status: Permanent in English 7-12

3. Name: Jennifer Brooks
Address: 52 Morning Glory Way, Schenectady, NY 12306
Type: Temporary Part-time (.50)
Teaching Area: School Psychologist
Building: Lisha Kill Middle School
Effective Date: July 1, 2010
Ending Date: June 30, 2011
Salary: Salary Schedule V, Step 13, pro-rated
Education: B.A. from Siena College; M.S and Ph.D. from SUNY Albany
Certification Status: Provisional as School Psychologist

4. Name: Kathryn Chandler
Address: 90 Clinton Avenue #2, Albany, NY 12210
Type: Temporary Part-time (.833)
Teaching Area: Art
Building: Middle and Elementary Schools
Effective Date: July 1, 2010
Ending Date: June 30, 2011
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 3, pro-rated
Education: B.S. from the College of St. Rose
Certification Status: Initial in Visual Arts

5. Name: Nathaniel Fossner
Address: 1065 Timothy Lane, Schenectady, NY 12309
Type: Temporary Part-time (.30)
Teaching Area: Music
Building: Veeder Elementary School
Effective Date: July 1, 2010
Ending Date: June 30, 2011
Salary: Salary Schedule II, Step 23, pro-rated
Education: B.A. from Eastman School of Music; M.A. from Columbia University
Certification Status: Permanent in Music

6. Name: Kyoko Ullrich
Address: 44 Van Leuven Drive East, Rensselaer, NY 12144
Type: Temporary Part-time (.14)
Teaching Area: Special – Teaching Assistant
Building: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: July 1, 2010
Ending Date: June 30, 2011
Salary: According to the SCTA Teaching Assistant contract, pro-rated
Certification: Continuing Teaching Assistant

7. Name: John Hynes
Address: 43 Comely Lane, Latham, NY 12110
Type: Temporary Part-time (.60)
Teaching Area: Special – Teaching Assistant
Building: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: July 1, 2010
Ending Date: June 30, 2011
Salary: According to the SCTA Teaching Assistant contract, pro-rated
Certification: Teaching Assistant Level 3

8. Name: Jason Bissonette
Address: 113 Colleen Road, Apt. 10, Troy, NY 12180
Type: Temporary Part-time (.775)
Teaching Area: Physical Education
Building: Elementary and Middle Schools
Effective Date: July 1, 2010
Ending Date: June 30, 2011
Salary: Schedule II, Step 5, pro-rated
Education: B.A. from SUNY Cortland; M.S. from University of Phoenix
Certification: Permanent in Physical Education

9. Name: Christine Devine
Address: 14 Hydor Drive, Castleton, NY 12033
Type: Temporary Part-time (.90)
Teaching Area: Physical Education
Building: Elementary and Middle Schools
Effective Date: July 1, 2010
Ending Date: June 30, 2011
Salary: Schedule II, Step 2, pro-rated
Education: B.S. from SUNY Cortland; M.S. from Russell Sage
Certification Status: Initial in Physical Education

10. Name: Kathleen Villa
Address: 5 Bedford Circle, Mechanicville, NY 12118
Type: Temporary Part-time (.725)
Teaching Area: Physical Education
Building: Elementary and Middle Schools
Effective Date: July 1, 2010
Ending Date: June 30, 2011
Salary: Schedule I, Step 2, pro-rated
Education: B.S. from SUNY Brockport
Certification Status: Initial in Physical Education

C. Long Term Replacements

1. Name: Peter DeMarco
Address: 6 Gould Drive, Scotia, NY 12302
Type: Long Term Replacement
Teaching Area: Elementary Education
Building: Veeder Elementary School
Effective Date: July 1, 2010
Ending Date: June 30, 2011
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 4
Education: B.A. from Marist College
Certification: Initial in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)

2. Name: Gala R. Kmack
Address: 715 Wasentha Way, Slingerlands, NY 12159
Type: Long Term Replacement
Tenure Area: Elementary Education
Building: Saddlewood Elementary School
Effective Date: July 1, 2010
Ending Date: June 30, 2011
Salary: Schedule II Step 10
Education: B.S. from SUNY Plattsburgh; M.S. from SUNY Albany
Certification Status: Permanent in Elementary Education N-6

D. Increase of Appointment – 2010-11 School Year

1. Name: John Ryan
Teaching Area: Music
Building: Forest Park
Increase: 0.033
Effective Date: September 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011

E. Cafeteria Supervision – 2010-11 School YearVeeder Elementary School

Tina Krom	
Debra Spawn	
Veronica Delancey-Smith	.50
Sarah Norton	.50
Tracy Krom	.50
Michael Perrott	.50

F. After School Computer Assisted Instruction – 2010-11 School Year

Appointment of the following previously approved positions at the approved rate of compensation per Board of Education Policy 9290:

Veeder Elementary School

Kelly Boyea	.25	Michael Perrott	.25
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G. Co-Curricular Appointments – 2010-11 School Year*Colonie Central High School*

Art Club	Christina Mathieu	
Band (9 th Grade)	Andrew Hearn	
Class Dean (Sophomore)	Melissa Dunn	.50
Class Dean (Sophomore)	Julie Hecht	.50
Class Dean (Junior)	Juli Hutchins	.50
Class Dean (Junior)	Rachel Deteso-Mathis	.50
Class Dean (Senior)	Michelle Papa	.50
Class Dean (Senior)	Erin Buyes	.50
Chorus (Chamber Singers)	Carol Ann Weeks	
Chorus (Mixed)	Carol Ann Weeks	
Computer- Math Club	Douglas Rosenberg	
Eco Club	Erin Lasky	.50
Eco Club	Brigham McCutcheon	.50
Foreign Language Club	Monica Trabold	.50
Foreign Language Club	Cynthia Paulding	.50
Gourmet Club	Monica Trabold	
Intramurals:		
Season II Weight Training	Kevin Halburian	
Season II Weight Training	William Roemer	
Season III Weight Training	Kevin Halburian	
Orchestra	Peter Cannistraci	
Orchestra (9 th Grade)	Laurinda Halliday	
Photography Club	Joel Scism	
Productions:		
Vocal Director	Carol Ann Weeks	
Conductor	Peter Cannistraci	
Robotics Club Coordinator	Thomas Casey	
Robotics Club Mentor	Joel Scism	
School Senate	Lindsay Henner	
Science Club	Michele Famoso	
Small Performing Group:		
Chamber Group	Peter Cannistraci	
Jazz Band	Joel Miller	
Symphonic Band	Joel Miller	
Technical/AV Producer	Lisa Eichholzer	
Wind Ensemble	Lonsdale Walker	
Yearbook Advisor	Katie Greco	.50
Yearbook Advisor	Joel Scism	.50

A. Change of Appointment

1. Name: Michael Stey
Address: 16 Martingale Drive, Albany, New York 12205
Position: Permanent Custodial Worker
Effective: July 1, 2010
Salary: Schedule H, Step 8 per CSEA Contract
Hours: 8.0 hours per day (6:45 am to 3:15 pm M-F)
Current Location: Saddlewood Elementary School

B. Coordinator

Rescind of the following appointment for the 2010-11 school year, per Board of Education Policy 9290 rate:

Graduate and In-Service Coordinator

Susan O'Brien effective July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011

C. Retirements

1. Name: Joyce Hilgenberg
Position: Permanent Food Service Helper (HS-M)
Effective: July 30, 2010
2. Name: Anne Maksymik
Position: Permanent Keyboard Specialist (VR)
Effective: July 30, 2010
3. Name: Jane Sullivan
Position: Permanent Senior Keyboard Specialist (DO)
Effective: July 30, 2010

D. Summer School Appointments

Summer Camp Transportation Program

James Snyder - School Bus Driver - \$11.90 per hour

E. Appointments

1. Name: Jason Woodard
Address: 24 Warwick Avenue, Albany, New York 12205
Position: Probationary Custodial Worker
Effective: July 30, 2010
Salary: Schedule G, Step 2 per CSEA Contract
Hours: 8.0 hours per day (Tues-Sat 3:30pm-Midnight)
Current Location: Sand Creek Middle School
Probationary Period: July 30, 2010 to January 30, 2011

2. Name: Anne Maksymik
Address: 177 Nutwood Avenue, Schenectady, New York 12304
Position: Clerk Typist I – PT Substitute
Effective: August 1, 2010
Salary: \$10.00 per hour

3. Name: Jane Sullivan
Address: 398 Consaul Road, Schenectady, New York 12304
Position: Clerk Typist I – PT Substitute
Effective: August 1, 2010
Salary: \$10.00 per hour